

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Robinson. I would remind the members that we are spending all of this time, consider what you just heard from Senator Wickersham, he has just endorsed 1368 and we're spending all this time redoing LB 829 and I really don't think that's the appropriate exercise. I understand we can do it, but the fact of the matter is if 829 needs modification then let's approach it next year. The 829 modification that Senator Wickersham has us dealing with here has nothing to do with Union Pacific's use of this bill. It is of no benefit to Union Pacific. It will not carry the day in the economic development competition which must take place between now and the time we will reconvene and it is simply an exercise. I urge that we defeat the Wickersham amendment, we get on with the business of the day which has been endorsed, even by Senator Wickersham, a cosponsor, and that we address this issue, if there is an issue, subsequently. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Wickersham, I didn't think you needed more time, but I think you do probably now, so I yield you my time.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I must confess that Senator Brashear offers up an intriguing opportunity. In fact, I went back and asked him if he wanted to cosponsor legislation next year. I guess there's only one risk, I might not be here. He isn't up for election this year, so I don't know whether I should make those kinds of deals or not, and I don't think, quite frankly, it's necessary to make that kind of a deal because it seems to me we've now spent a couple of hours discussing this issue. We knew something about 829 last year. I don't think we knew as much as we should, but we knew something about it and we passed it. I'm not one of those who ever holds the view that once you've done something you can't admit you made a mistake and go back and change it, particularly when the better idea comes around, and it has come around in 1368. I'll admit it. I am a cosponsor. I endorse 1368. It is the way this should be done if we're going to do it at all, and that's the reason that I'm